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1. CONCLUDING A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO KUWAIT AT THE HEAD
OF A LARGE DELEGATION, USSR DEPUTY AVIATION MINISTER PAVLOV
SIGNED A CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH KUWAIT MARCH 19.
AGREEMENT PERMITS EACH NATIONAL AIRLINE TO OPERATE TWO
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FLIGHTS A WEEK BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS
REPORTEDLY THE FIRST ALLOWING SOVIET AIRLINE AEROFLOT
TO TAKE ON AND LET OFF PASSENGERS AT A GULF AIRPORT.

2. AS REPORTED REPAIR, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS
KUWAIT HAS SIGNED CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENTS WITH A NUMBER
OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. EXCEPT FOR FLIGHTS BETWEEN

BELGRADE AND KUWAIT, INSUFFICIENT PASSENGER TRAFFIC
MAKES UTILIZATION AND/OR EXPANSION OF SUCH CIVIL
AVIATION AGREEMENTS UNLIKELY AT THE PRESENT TIME. SENIOR
OFFICIAL AT DGCA TOLD EMBOFF THAT USSR-KUWAIT ACCORD IS NOT
SIGNIFICANT SINCE KUWAIT/MOSCOW ROUTE IS NOT "COMMERCIALY
PRACTICABLE". AEROFLOT HAD BEEN OPERATING TWICE
WEEKLY THROUGH KUWAIT PRIOR TO SIGNING, BUT WITHOUT
PASSENGER RIGHTS. THESE FLIGHTS WERE STOPOVERS FOR
REFUELING ON FLIGHTS FROM BOMBAY AND INVOLVED TRANSPORT OF
SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND MAIL.

3. COMMENT: THE SLOW EXPANSION OF CIVIL AVIATION
AGREEMENTS WITH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IS IN KEEPING WITH
GOK POLICY OF EXPANDING CIVIL AVIATION CONTACTS WORLDWIDE.
GOK SEEKS TO POSITION ITSELF SQUARELY AT THE CENTER,
WITH TIES TO ALL BUT IDENTIFIED WITH NO BLOC. SENIOR
OFFICIAL AT DGCA DOUBTS KUWAIT AIRLINES (KAC) WILL RUN
REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TO MOSCOW FOR THE FORE-
SEEABLE FUTURE.
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